

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-indicated patent application, as amended, is respectfully requested. The present amendment is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action mailed January 30, 2004. Claims 1, 2, 5-14 and 17-24 have been rejected. Claims 3, 4, 15 and 16 are objected to

5 Accordingly, claim amendments and supporting remarks are hereby presented that particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that applicant regards as his invention. No new matter has been added.

THE INVENTION

10 The present embodiments are directed to a communications module including a first section for processing data in accordance with at least a first communication standard, and a second section for transmitting and receiving data via an antenna in accordance with the first communication standard. Preferably, the second section is replaceable with a third section for transmitting and receiving data via an antenna in accordance with a second communication

15 standard.

In this manner, the present system provides a communications module that is low cost and suitably adaptable for communication using a plurality of frequency bands. The present system also provides a communications module having increased modularity to provide adaptability to communicate using a plurality of frequency bands. Also, the present system provides a communications module that minimizes upgrade costs by increasing modularity.

20 These benefits provide considerable flexibility and efficiency to an end-user, simplifying system upgrades and making the same more economical.

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claims 3, 4, 15 and 16 had been indicated allowable by the Examiner. Applicant thanks the Examiner for this indication of allowability. In response thereto, independent claim 1 has 5 been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 3. Independent claim 13 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 15. Following the reasons for allowance indicated by the Examiner, it is believed that the independent claims are now allowable over the prior art. The dependent claims are believed to be allowable for at least these same reasons.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing it is respectfully submitted that the present claims, as currently amended, distinguish over the prior art. A notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes there are any further matters, which need to be discussed in order to expedite the prosecution of the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

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Respectfully submitted,

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